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MONTHLY SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(Month of November, 1985)

The number of seismic land crews and marine vessels searching for oil and gas in the U.S. and U.S. waters during November decreased by eleven from the October total. The land crew total decreased by seven crews and the marine crew total decreased by four.

The November total (346) represents a decrease of 3% from last month, a 30% decrease from November, 1984, a 30% decrease from November, 1983, a 31% decrease from November, 1982, a 53% decrease from November, 1981, a 40% decrease from November, 1980, and a decrease of 21% from the same month in 1979.

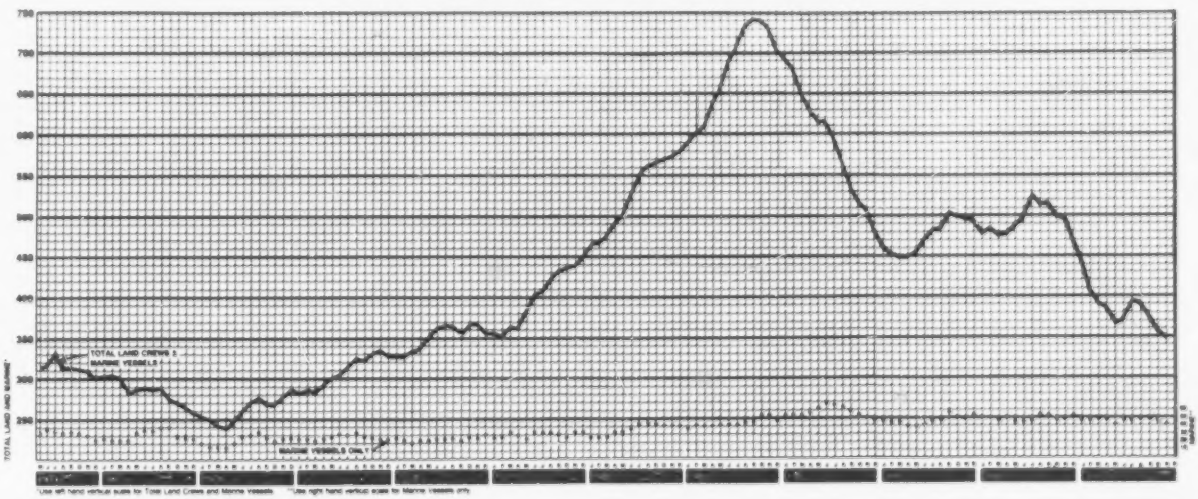
During November, eleven contractors were operating fourteen of the 273 land crews and five of the thirty-five vessels on a speculative basis.

TOTAL LAND & MARINE CREWS:	This Month 346	Last Month 357	Nov.'84 493	Nov.'83 495	Nov.'82 502	Nov.'81 733	Nov.'80 572	Nov.'79 439

	LAND CREWS								MARINE VESSELS							
	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Nov. 1984	Nov. 1983	Nov. 1982	Nov. 1981	Nov. 1980	Nov. 1979	This Mo.	Last Mo.	Nov. 1984	Nov. 1983	Nov. 1982	Nov. 1981	Nov. 1980	Nov. 1979
67 Contr's:	273	279	407	408	410	638	491	369	35	38	42	42	42	45	33	25
9 Oil Co's:	32	33	37	38	42	43	40	39	6	7	7	7	7	7	7	4
1 Gov't.:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Totals	305	312	444	446	452	681	531	408	41	45	49	49	50	52	41	31

SEISMIC CREW COUNT

(The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.)



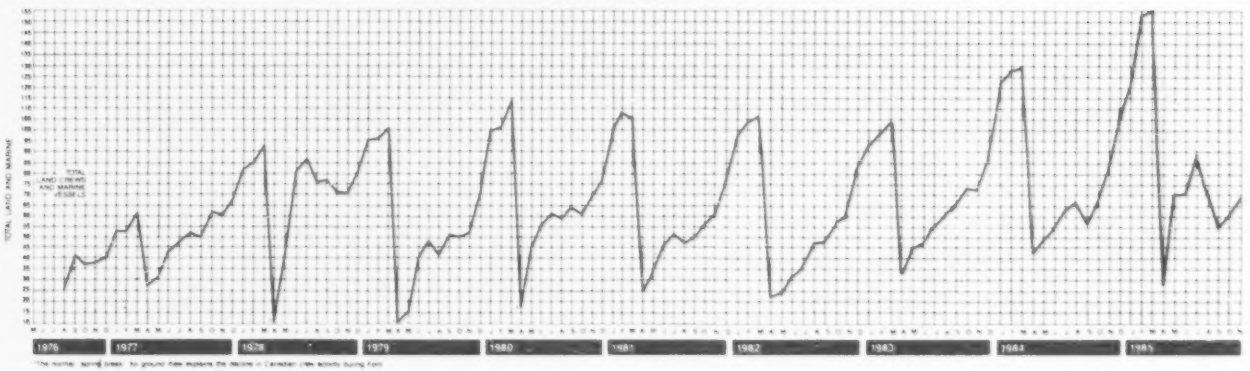
*Results of SEG's Seismic Crew Count of land and marine vessels engaged in exploration for oil and gas in the USA and USA waters, including Alaska, for the month indicated. These figures are compiled from data reported by oil companies operating company-owned seismic exploration crews and vessels and by contract seismic exploration companies. Special significance is attached to seismic crew activity since it is recognized as the leading indicator of all petroleum exploration activity.

CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT

NOVEMBER, 1985 (October figures in parentheses)

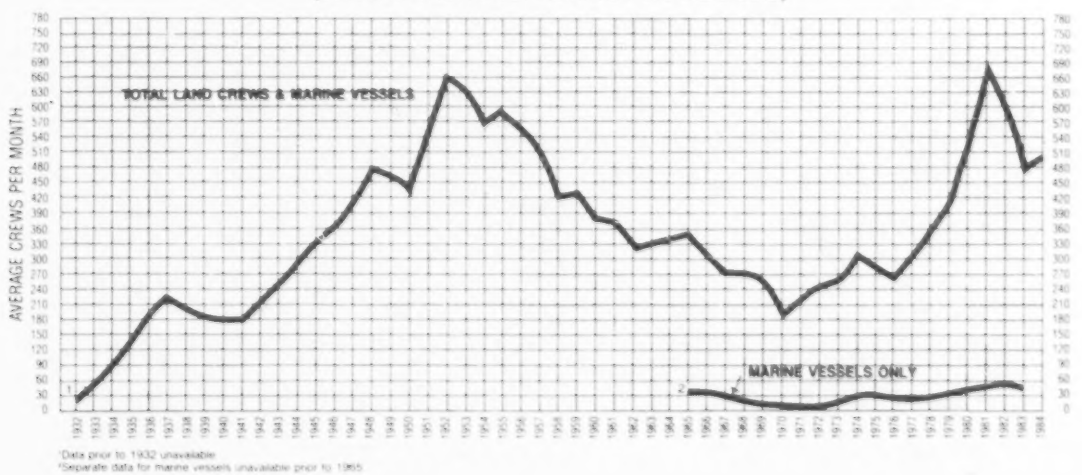
	Land Crews	Marine Vessels
30 Contractors:	64 (54)	2 (2)
2 Oil Companies:	3 (5)	0 (0)
Totals:	67 (59)	2 (2)

CANADIAN SEISMIC CREW COUNT
(The leading indicator of oil and gas exploration activity.)



SEG's monthly USA Seismic Crew survey was organized in 1974 at the request of the United States' Federal Energy Administration. The report is currently submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy. Both the U.S. and the international surveys are financed in part by a grant from the International Association of Geophysical Contractors.

HISTORY OF SEISMIC EXPLORATION IN THE UNITED STATES
(SEISMIC CREWS SEARCHING FOR OIL & GAS)



*Data prior to 1932 unavailable
*Separate data for marine vessels unavailable prior to 1965